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The second regular February Meeting of Council was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., Mayor John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, T. Wayne Oakes, Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and Vice-Mayor R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, Assistant City Manager for Utilities Joseph C. King, Finance Director Barbara A. Dameron, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., and City Clerk/Clerk of the Council Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

Other Staff members present were Community Development Director Jerry Fischer, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director Bill Sgrinia, and Emergency Services Director Doug Young.

Mayor Hamlin presided.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Ruby Archie offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

#### **MINUTES**

Upon Motion by Council Member Daniels and second by Council Member Oakes, Minutes of the February 7, 2006 Regular Meeting of Danville City Council were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting. The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

#### **HEARING-AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS-\$3,000,000-ROBERTSON BRIDGE**

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider authorizing issuance of \$3,000,000 in General Public Improvement Bonds. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on February 7 and 14, 2006. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon Motion by Council Member Archie and second by Council Member Oakes, Ordinance No. 2006-02.08 presented by its First Reading on

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February 7, 2006 authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia, in the maximum principal amount of \$3,000,000 for road and bridge improvements was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2005-2006-VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT**

Upon Motion by Council Member Daniels and second by the Council as a Whole, Ordinance No. 2006-02.09 presented by its First Reading on February 7, 2006 amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by increasing revenues to provide for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region for the Veterans Memorial Project and appropriating same was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

Community Foundation Member Debra Dodson appeared to advise Council that an additional \$155,000 had been raised for the Veterans Memorial Project. Ms. Dodson reported that over 4,000 bricks had been sold at \$70.00 each and orders continued to come in. She said the price to have a brick placed in the Veterans Memorial is now \$125.00.

Dave Newman, who has been the driving force in getting the Memorial project underway, thanked the Danville community and City Council for supporting the effort. He said the Memorial is a wonderful opportunity to recognize all of the area's war heroes.

**HEARING - VACATE & SELL 0.199-ACRE RIGHT-OF-WAY - ROUTE 58**

Mayor Hamlin opened the floor for a Public Hearing to consider vacating and selling 0.199-acre portion of a surplus right-of-way located on the northern side of Route 58. Notice of the Public Hearing had been duly published in the Danville Register and Bee on February 8 and 14, 2006. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Mayor Williams moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02.10

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND SELLING A 0.199-ACRE OF THE SURPLUS RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF ROUTE 58.

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The Motion was seconded by Council Member Oakes and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**ACCEPT GRANT FROM U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Council Member Archie moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, TO EQUIP EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO HAVE BETTER PREPAREDNESS TO PREVENT, RESPOND AND RECOVER FROM POTENTIAL ACTS OF TERRORISM AS WELL AS OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY INCIDENTS.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Daniels and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**BUDGET ADOPTION-FY 2005-2006 - \$57,166 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Upon Motion by Vice-Mayor Williams and second by Council Member Saunders, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02.11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,166 FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM TO EQUIP EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO HAVE BETTER PREPAREDNESS TO PREVENT, RESPOND AND RECOVER FROM POTENTIAL ACTS OF TERRORISM AS WELL AS OTHER HOMELAND SECURITY INCIDENTS

was presented by its First Reading, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

**ENDORSE BUILDING BLOCKS PROGRAM - BROAD/CLEVELAND STREETS**

Council Member Smith moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.10

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A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROAD/CLEVELAND STREET AREA, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP, AS A TARGET AREA UNDER THE CITY'S BUILDING BLOCKS PROGRAM.

The Motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Williams and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION AWARD - SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT**

Council Member Daniels moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO INDEMNIFICATION AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION COMMISSION FOR AN AWARD UNDER THEIR SPECIAL GRANTS PROGRAM.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Archie and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes, Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT-CITY & AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER**

Council Member Oakes moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A POSSIBLE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AND AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE CORPORATION.

Council Member Smith seconded the Motion.

At the request of Council Member Smith, City Manager Gwaltney explained the present Resolution under consideration and the one to follow is being considered since the administration does not know who will be the low bidder for the City's short-term power contract. Mr. Gwaltney said the matter was being handled this way in order to be ready to sign the contract with the lowest bidder. He said the current contract with American Electric is set to expire on June 30 of this year.

Mr. Gwaltney further explained the City would sign a membership with AMP-Ohio in order to buy shares of power plants that would soon be constructed.

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In response to Council Member Saunders, Mr. Gwaltney said the City was working through the Blue Ridge Power Agency and said the membership fee of \$10,000 would go along with the application to AMP-Ohio. He explained AMP-Ohio was a non-profit cooperative that produces and distributes power to more than 100 communities in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Mr. Gwaltney concluded by advising the City would go with the company that could lock in the lowest rates for the next two to three years.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER-OHIO, INC. MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Council Member Oakes moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.13

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER-OHIO, INC. AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Archie and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

**VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION - SUPPORT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION**

Council Member Archie moved adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02.14

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALLING FOR VIRGINIA TOURISM CORPORATION'S OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF A SOUTHERN VIRGINIA REGION.

Council Member Castiglione seconded the Motion.

In response to Council Member Saunders, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director Bill Sgrinia explained that currently, Danville and the surrounding communities extending north to Madison, county, southeast to Southampton County, and west to Henry County were designated as "Central Virginia" by the State Tourism Corporation for marketing purposes. The area includes the cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Appomattox, Lynchburg, Charlottesville

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and Bedford. Mr. Sgrinia advised the new designation was being requested in order for our area to better stand out and not be lumped with those localities as far away as Richmond.

Mr. Sgrinia said a new Southern Region would include counties and localities with similar marketing interests in tourism. The new region would extend west from Danville to Henry County and east to Southampton County.

Council Member Luther stated he preferred the "Southern Virginia" designation as opposed to "Southside." He said there were areas in the state that did not look favorably on the "Southside."

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0  
AYE: Archie, Castiglione, Daniels, Hamlin, Luther, Oakes,  
Saunders, Smith, and Williams (9)  
NAY: None (0).

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gwaltney called attention to the Monthly Financial Report that had been placed at the desk of each Council Member prior to the meeting.

There were no communications from the Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Council Member Castiglione advised last week there was employment training for over 200 individuals at the RCATT facility. Mr. Castiglione enumerated the programs that are being offered for the unemployed.

Council Member Daniels commented on two new industries that were investing their energy and money in the community. Mr. Daniels thanked the staff of the Economic Development Department and the City administration for all the time and energy placed on economic development. He said the efforts were paying off and having a positive impact on the region.

Mayor Hamlin congratulated Dr. Wayne Williams upon offering for re-election. Dr. Williams will be seeking a third term on City Council during the May 2 elections. He made a formal announcement prior to the Council Meeting this evening.

Council Member Oakes reiterated Mr. Daniels' comments, congratulating the Economic Development Department for their efforts in bringing industry and jobs to the City.

Council Member Saunders commented that he was very pleased to see a diversity of jobs coming to Danville--manufacturing jobs and others. Mr. Saunders said technology was great, but everyone did

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not wish to learn technology skills. He encouraged citizens to visit the Community Action Workforce Center located at 707 Piney Forest Shopping Center. The Center offers job training, job placement, assistance with resume-writing, assessment for job skills, and other services. Mr. Saunders asked those who wished to take advantage of the service to stop by the offices or call 434-792-3061.

Council Member Smith congratulated and offered best wishes to Vice-Mayor Williams in his re-election bid.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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CLERK